

Bates. Douglas was incorporated as a village in 1908 with A.G. Burgeson as its first mayor.

Today, Douglas remains a small, proud community. Each year, the community gathers together and has picnics in the park. During the summer, many of its residents can be found on the banks of Lake Douglas catching up with friends and family.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding, the residents of Douglas will gather on the weekend of August 4th. There will be an all-school reunion to allow former classmates to reunite with each other, followed by a charity auction. A fireman's rodeo, lawnmower pull, and an event to honor veterans will keep the crowds entertained all weekend. The highlight of the celebration will be the parade, which will feature floats, musical performances, and a fireworks display.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Douglas, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Douglas and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Douglas that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Douglas has a proud past and a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES HEALY

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I to pay tribute to a fine New Jerseyan and a great friend of my State, James Healy. News of Jim's untimely passing this past Friday at the age of 48 saddened all of us in the New Jersey delegation. His great personality and tremendous work ethic truly made him a pleasure to work with and an asset to his organization, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, NJDOT.

For nearly 20 years, Jim held several important posts within the department. Most recently, he served as the NJDOT's Federal liaison. Jim was an expert on Federal legislative, regulatory, and finance issues. He provided my office with valuable expertise and advice concerning subjects of great importance to New Jersey.

New Jersey is the most densely populated State in the Union, and the movement of people and goods through its travel corridors is of utmost importance, not just to New Jerseyans, but for the entire regional economy.

Jim guided the New Jersey delegation through Federal highway bill authorizations, which took years to accomplish. The most recent one, SAFETEA-LU, took 2 years to complete. Jim also worked closely with New Jersey members on aviation reauthorization bills, including the VISION-100 legislation passed in 2003.

He advocated for the State's priorities, including legislation to help pre-

serve open spaces in New Jersey. My staff and I had the pleasure of working with him many times on these bills and he was always a consummate professional: well-informed, thorough in his work, and always extraordinarily helpful.

When a former NJDOT commissioner served as president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, AASHTO, Jim served as liaison to AASHTO staff, where he helped coordinate and set national transportation policy goals.

Jim was an assistant professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University and was a 1979 graduate of William Paterson University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He received his law degree in 1983 from Rutgers University in Newark, NJ.

Jim is survived by his parents, Philip and Hannah Healy of Wayne, NJ, and his brothers and sisters, Joseph Healy, Mary Jo Ridge, Kathleen Bianco, Teresa Hoey, and Joan Wielenta. My heart goes out to Jim's family during this difficult time.

I salute the life and memory of this great son of New Jersey, Jim Healy. May he rest in peace.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. 310. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada.

S. Con. Res. 60. Concurrent resolution designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1496. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue elec-

tronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 233. An act to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests and certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Napa Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate the Elkhorn Ridge Potential Wilderness Area, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, and for other purposes.

H.R. 854. An act to provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe.

H.R. 1307. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3082. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to small business, memorial affairs, education and employment programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3603. An act to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3817. An act to withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4301. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4947. An act to expand the boundaries of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5025. An act to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5057. An act to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion.

H.R. 5534. An act to provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels.

H.R. 5865. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.